



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Martin called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:05 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair
Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair
Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair

Kelly McDonnell, 3 rd District Youth	Roselin Michael, 8 th District Youth
Helen Ingram, Education	Marty Isozaki, Job Training
Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education	Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice

Absent: *Excused* – Victor Perez, Health
Excused – Jessica Quintana, Parent
Excused – Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services

VACANT, 1 st District Youth	VACANT, 2 nd District Youth
VACANT, 6 th District Youth	VACANT, 7 th District Youth
VACANT, 9 th District Youth	VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Marla Camerino, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests: Jeff Williams

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Soth to approve the January 23, 2008, Commission on Youth and Children minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no public comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission 

Ms. Nixon-Joiner was not available to speak; however, staff informed the CYC that the monthly report was distributed in the packet that was mailed.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that she met with Jeff Williams regarding his groups Leadership Long Beach project and his interest in the Youth Services NETWORK. Co-Chair Turrentine also attended Councilmember DeLong's Neighborhood Leadership meeting, where the new Director of Public Works spoke about the reorganization of the Public Works Department. In addition, Co-Chair Turrentine had the opportunity to attend a Youth and Gang Violence meeting with Melissa Morgan and Reggie Harrison, and was able to speak about the Youth Master Plan.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin stated that she had the opportunity to attend the CCEJ's Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast as a guest of Commissioner Isozaki. She stated that she was able to hear Craig Kielburger speak about how he was one of the first to start a movement to build schools in third world countries when he was 12 years old.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. Executive Committee Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that the Executive Committee met to discuss the agenda for February's meeting. In addition, the Executive Committee discussed the youth commissioners making their remarks at a City Council meeting.

2. **Public Relations Committee** - Commissioners McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine

The Public Relations Committee did not meet.

B. Special Committees

1. **Long Beach Youth Fund Committee** - Commissioners Ingram, Martin, McAlpin, and Summerville

Co-Chair Martin stated that there is funding for the Youth Fund, and that we are looking to get this going by the end of this school year.

C. Standing Item Reports

1. **District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings**

Commissioners Summerville and McDonnell reported that the Third and Fourth District Youth Councils met to discuss the tobacco retail permit, as well as how the Grand Prix is trying to become more eco friendly with the fuel that they are using. In addition, they discussed the possibility of joining another group that has plans to host a tree planting event.

Commissioner Michael stated that the Eighth District Youth Council met to discuss the success of their tree planting event.

Commissioner Martin stated that the Fifth District Youth Council met to discuss their tree inventory. They are hoping that training will be conducted in early April.

2. **Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force** - Commissioner Rothenberg

Commissioner Rothenberg stated that the Task Force met at Houghton Park this month. He stated that this meeting was different, as it was more of a Community Forum. Several community members, as well as City officials and staff were present at the forum. Participants were able to attend one of two sessions that were offered. One session was entitled Parent/Child Conflict Prevention, and another session was entitled How to Peacefully Settle Conflicts.

- (i) **CYC Representation on the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force**

Recommended Action: Approve Commissioner Summerville and one other youth commissioner to sit on the Youth and Gang Violence Task Force on behalf of the CYC.

Commissioner McDonnell volunteered to sit on the Youth and Gang Violence Task Force on behalf of the CYC.

A motion was made to have Commissioners Summerville and McDonnell sit on the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force on behalf of the CYC. It was moved by Commissioner Meyer, and seconded by Commissioner Turrentine. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee** - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer stated that he has no new information to report.

Commissioner Turrentine stated that she will be the luncheon speaker for the Soroptomist in May and will obtain packets from Commissioner Meyer.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Isozaki stated that in January he attended a Virtual Enterprise Trade Fair, which is a statewide trade fair for students enrolled in the Virtual Enterprise Program with the Long Beach Unified School District, as well as statewide. He stated that this fair is fully run by students. He also attended the CCEJ Interfaith/Intercultural Breakfast, where he was able to hear speaker, Craig Kielburger. In addition, Commissioner Isozaki informed the CYC that he received a call from Gary Sheldon, who informed him of a Homeless Community Forum that is being planned for either May or June and wanted to know if the CYC would like to be involved.

Commissioner Soth informed the CYC that the Early Childhood Education Committee is conducting its Fifth Annual Symposium on Saturday, March 1.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Youth Commissioners

Recommended Action: Approve youth commissioners to attend the City Council meeting to speak on behalf of the Commission on Youth and Children.

Commissioner Martin took into consideration the comments and suggestions she received at the last CYC meeting, and read a revised statement to the CYC.

- Additional comments were provided, which will be incorporated into the statement.

A motion was made to have the youth commissioners attend the City Council meeting to speak on behalf of the CYC. It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Ingram. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Safe Passage Program** – guest speaker, Lieutenant Ty Hatfield of the Long Beach Police Department's Youth Services Division, regarding the Safe Passage program.

Lt. Hatfield was not available to speak. This item will be revisited at the next CYC meeting.

- B. OUTGOING - Letter to Lori Ann Farrell, City Controller for the City of Long Beach**

Recommended Action: Approve to have staff prepare a letter on behalf of CYC requesting Lori Ann Farrell, Director of Financial Management for the City of Long Beach, to speak to the CYC regarding the current status of the city's budget.

A motion was made to have staff prepare a letter on behalf of the CYC requesting Lori Ann Farrell speak to the CYC regarding the status of the city's budget. It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Meyer. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at 6:11 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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